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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL ANALYSIS OF FUNDING FOR
SURFACE WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to expend \$55,000 for the County's share of funding the first phase of research and technical analysis being conducted by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to determine the feasibility of developing and implementing a stable and long-term funding mechanism for surface water quality improvements in the County of Los Angeles.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

At its meeting held on September 13, 2005, the Board unanimously approved a Motion by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky that the Chief Administrative Officer with assistance from the Director of Public Works, County Counsel, and other appropriate County departments prepare a report to the Board with recommendations on how best to implement a stable and long-term regional funding mechanism that would finance the construction, operation, and maintenance of local and regional projects that provide surface water quality improvements.

In response to that Motion on January 26, 2006, the report titled "Report on a Stable and Long-Term Surface Water Quality Funding Mechanism" was submitted to the Board. The report presents activities and concepts being considered in developing a stable and long-term funding plan.

At this time, further comprehensive research and technical analysis is necessary to determine the feasibility of developing and implementing a stable and long-term funding mechanism(s) for surface water quality improvements. Research will also include determining the opinions and perceptions of residents of the County regarding surface water quality and funding mechanisms.

This research and analysis will be performed by a consulting firm currently under contract to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority. The \$55,000 payment to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority represents the Flood Control District's share of the cost of the \$213,000 total cost of this phase of performing the research and analysis. The consulting firm will be expected to directly advise the District, County departments, the Board, and other public agencies or policymakers as applicable on the results of its research and analysis.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goals of Fiscal Responsibility and Community Service as it will provide financial resources leveraged by other entities to conduct comprehensive research and analysis to determine the feasibility to fund surface water quality improvements through a stable and long-term funding mechanism(s).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Fifty-five thousand dollars is the Flood Control District's share of the \$213,000 cost of the research and analysis services. Sufficient funds for the District's financial commitment are available in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Flood Control District Fund budget. There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on current services or projects.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel